

POETRY.

THE GENTIANELLA.

In Leaf.

Green thou art, obscurely green,
Modest plant that grows so near!
From the dust I took my birth:
Thou, too, art a child of earth;
I aspire but to the sky,
Scorn not thou my low estate;
Time will tell if thou shalt see
Horned crown, pumilio.
Beauty set her seal on me.

In Flower.

Blue thou art, intensely blue,
Flower, whence came thy dazling hue?
I was a child of mine eye,
Upward glancing to the sky,
Stridest away from the frumment
Was the sulphur brilliance sent.
Brighter glory wouldst thou share,
To what height wouldst thou aspire?
What I could not—look with prayer!
—James Montgomery.

ARCTIC EXPERTS.

Smith said that Cook was surely right
To stand upon the Pole.
And Brown said that was the man
Who had been there before.

Now where had Brown gained Arctic lore
To give his views such weight?
He once within a skating rink
Had cut the figure 8.
And where had Smith acquired his fund
Of information rare?
Some years ago in Central Park
He saw a polar bear.

THE DEFEATED.

Because it was good to be fighting, to put forth my strength,
To endeavor myself to the utmost, the failure at length
Is never less bitter and hard, or lighter to bear
Because still the glorious memories of battle I share
With the victors who pass me on horseback (good fellows who won)
With still ardent faces fixed forward and fronting the sun.
No failure is comeliess, arid. When

Joined I shall fight all the harder—
Though my courage was sold and
This pure bitterness strengthens and
better me, no failure more!
At last, when this, my victor
pure shall redeem
All that I thought and hope
all the disappeared dream.
And out of the depths of my knowledge
I shall know to the utmost that minute
how true is the old saying—
—Metropolitan Magazine

REVIEWS AND VARIETIES

Clever Sayings

"Well," asked the agent, "how do you like this flat?" "I must say," replied the lady who was examining it, "that I like it very much, but I am disappointed in the improvement."
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Mrs. Urban Tenne—Yes, doctor, I'm black and red spots appear before my eyes every time I would you advise me to do for it? Doctor—Stop playing bridge, madam.—Boston Transfer

"Mother—There were two apples in the cupboard, Tommy, and now there's only one. How's that? Tommy (who sees no way of escape)—Well, ma, it's because the other one was there I didn't see the other—'nudge."

"Tommy, you have written this sentence. The pen is mightier as the sword, and it is incorrect. How should I have written it? Tommy (who has exchanged to typewriter, ma'am)—Chicago Tribune.

"Since we're living in the country, I take long walks for my complexion,

"The road is always such a long walk,"
 — *Sydney Bulletin*.
 "We've heard about the pies and
 cake."
 "The kind that mother used to make."
 But give to me a bill of fare.
 A smallish table and a chair.
 A waitress pleasant, yet not pert.
 One who will smile but will not flirt.
 Woman's Home Companion.
 "What have you there?" "A volume
 of Chaucer." "I didn't know you went
 in for that sort of thing." "Well, after
 all, it's a book that's been a base-
 ball slang. I have read a little early
 English to rest my mind."—*Pittsburg*
Post.
 Lady (to Prospective Lady).—
 May I ask what you bar, sir, Prospe-
 ctive Lady (impressively).—I am a
 humble follower of the muse, madam,
 Lady.—Hindeed, sir! My last love-
 ly

"I like to visit that collection of musical instruments in the museum."
"What pleasure can you derive from viewing a lot of musical instruments locked up in cases?" "I like to see 'em safely out of circulation. I live in a flat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The wireless system as installed on vessels an effort is being made to get a better insurance rate on vessels thus equipped.

Officials in Saxony have made successful experiments with a new method of treating a liquid residue of magnesium obtained in the manufacture of potash. It overcomes dust on roadways.

The port of Chittagong is at present equipped for the use of ocean going steamers, with three complete jetties and a fourth jetty under construction. A fourth jetty is nearing completion.

A Connecticut farmer planted tobacco seeds that had lain in a jar for 45 years. The seeds raised healthy plants and were declared to be tobacco by

Tinplate making was introduced into England from Saxony in 1660, and the first tinplate factory in France was established in 1714. Tinplate was first made in America in 1794, at the United States at Pittsburg in 1872.

There have been recently extensive adulterations of pharmaceutical preparations in Cuba. A number of adulterated products were discovered in the hands of pharmacists through complaints made by French houses. The matter is now before the courts.

The population of Cuba on September 15, 1895, was 2,445,998. The number of males was 1,222,940 and the females 1,223,058; 247,032 the number of school-children was 2,148; and of teachers 549. The population of the principal cities on the island and their respective populations were as follows:

Area of Cuba 44,154 square miles.